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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Uri FRIEDLANDER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1743

Application No.: 10/642,498

Examiner: Maureen Wallenhorst

Filed: August 18, 2003

For: AUTOMATIC DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully note that some error has been made. The Office Action refers to claims 1 to 58, all of which (other than claim 21) were canceled by Applicants' Second Preliminary Amendment of September 22, 2003. The current claims are claims 21 and 59 to 72.

Claims 59 to 67 are directed to an automatic diagnostic apparatus. Each of claims 68 to 72 is directed to a method of operating or using an automatic diagnostic apparatus.

In direct response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect (with traverse) Group I; claims 59 to 67 read directly on this election. Moreover, claims 68 to 72 read on the use or operation of such apparatus and thus clearly relate "to a single general inventive concept", which justifies their examination in the same application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of any restriction, regarding claims 59 to 72, are respectfully solicited.

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To facilitate any further prosecution of this application, a copy of Applicants' Second Preliminary Amendment of September 22, 2003, and the return postcard associated therewith is submitted herewith.

Having made an election commensurate with the requirement, favorable action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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